

What's for Dinner?

Notice how many different ways shorebirds feed. Using what you have learned during your visit to a wetland and the diagram on the following page, fill in the chart below. Possible food items include insects, shrimp, tiny crustaceans, crabs, worms, clams and snails.

Picking things off the surface

These shorebirds are looking for _____. Species _____.

Shallow probing in the mud

These shorebirds are looking for _____. Species _____.

Mid-depth probing in the mud

These shorebirds are looking for _____. Species _____.

Deep probing in the mud

These shorebirds are looking for _____. Species _____.

What other birds do you see? What feeding styles do they use? Possibilities include spearing fish, crushing open shelled animals, diving for fish, filtering small animals in the water through a bill, catching flying insects or seizing prey with feet.

Name or description of bird _____ Feeding style and food item _____

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